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Addressing San Bruno's Aging Stormwater System

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

We have greatly appreciated your time, attention, and feedback through emails, phone calls, and community survey responses over the past several months on our local storm drain needs.

As we've previously reported, properly maintaining our storm drain system is necessary for clean water in our region, while minimizing the risk of flooding that damages property and obstructs residents, police, and emergency response.

To address necessary upgrades, the City is proposing an update to the Storm Drain and Flood Protection Fee to address the health and safety needs of the stormwater system and better protect local waterways and property.

To prioritize these stormwater needs and in consideration of our community's continued COVID-19 recovery, the City Council has opted to cancel the previously scheduled rate increases in two other utilities (water and sewer). Please read on to learn more about stormwater needs and how to vote on the proposed fee.

JOVAN D. GROGAN

*San Bruno
City Manager*

San Bruno is committed to protecting the Bay's water, San Bruno homes, property and emergency response.

In the past several months we have heard from over 700 community members about their priorities for addressing our aging stormwater system needs including reducing the risk of local flooding to homes and businesses, preventing overflow of storm drains that can pollute local waterways, maintaining unobstructed emergency response, and preventing system failures, soil erosion, and sinkholes.

To address these pressing needs, the City Council unanimously voted to prioritize consideration of updating the Storm Drain and Flood Protection Fee while canceling the previously scheduled water/sewer rate increases.

Each property owner will receive a ballot regarding their proposed updated stormwater fee, which has been calculated based on the impact of each property on the system. **Completed ballots must be received via mail or placed in the secure drop box located at the rear entrance of City Hall at 570 Linden Avenue by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2021.**

For more information and to look up your property's proposed fee, visit **sanbruno.ca.gov/Stormwater**.



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Property Owner Voting Information

Q: What is the urgency?

A: Much of San Bruno's aging stormwater system has been in use since the early 1900's and stormwater fees have not been updated in nearly thirty years. Upgrading and properly maintaining our local stormwater system will prevent public safety hazards caused by system failure, landslides, sinkholes and flooding while protecting local waterways, property, and emergency response.



San Bruno Channel flows directly to the San Francisco Bay

Q: How does stormwater affect health and safety?

A: Properly maintained stormwater infrastructure protects local properties from expensive flooding and water damage while also protecting the San Bruno Channel, the San Francisco Bay, and local water supplies from contamination. To prevent obstruction of local emergency response, it is critical that long-term repairs to our stormwater system continue to be made on a timely basis.

Q: How can stormwater system needs be addressed?

A: To make necessary health and safety upgrades, the City has proposed an updated stormwater fee structure uniquely calculated so each individual property fee will vary based on the impact each property has on the stormwater system. The proposed updated fee on a typical single-family home would equate to roughly a \$9/month increase, balanced by the cancellation of the previously planned water and sewer rate increase that is no longer taking effect. Each property owner has been mailed a notification of their proposed fee and will also receive a ballot.

HOW TO VOTE

A ballot will be mailed to property owners by May 1st:

- 1.** The ballot must be completed by the property owner or an authorized representative.
- 2.** Clearly mark your ballot, sign it, seal it, and return it in the envelope provided. If you misplace your ballot and need a new one issued, call the City Clerk at (650) 616-7061.
- 3.** Completed ballots must be **received by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2021** via mail OR deposited in the secure drop box located at the rear entrance of City Hall at 570 Linden Avenue.

Ballots will begin to be publicly tabulated on June 16, 2021. The results of the ballot tabulation are expected to be reported by the end of June.

For more information visit
sanbruno.ca.gov/Stormwater



SAN BRUNO VOTING OPTIONS:

- Mail your completed ballot in the prepaid postage envelope provided.
- Drop your completed ballot off in the drop box located at the rear entrance of City Hall at 570 Linden Avenue.